

Live the Fire

IGNITE

February 23, 2020

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PRAY • BEFORE YOU CAN LAUNCH, YOU NEED A FIRE.

Review

ACTS 2:1-4, 42-47

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE FIRE OF SPIRIT OF GOD POSSESSES A GROUP OF PEOPLE? • AWE, JOY, CHANGE!

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Selflessness • Acts 2:44-46, 4:32-35

ACTS 2:44-46, 4:32-35 • PENTECOST CRISIS 120/3000 • EMAIL AND SEND HOME! • BUT APOSTLES!!

The central practice of the early church was

SELFLESSNESS.

☞ They showed selflessness of **RESOURCES.**☞ They showed selflessness of **PRESENCE.**

ILL: AS A TEENAGER, THIS MADE ME A COMMUNIST, BUT I GREW OUT OF THAT.

MISUNDERSTANDINGS • IT'S POSSIBLE TO GIVE MONEY SELFISHLY, TO SHOW UP SELFISHLY!!

Counterexample • Acts 4:34-5:6

NOT COMMUNISM OR SECRECY, BUT THEY WENT PART-WAY, ONLY SELF — ISH — NESS

Why is it so difficult?

☞ We are worried about **RESOURCES.**

WHAT IF I RUN OUT? I DON'T WANT TO BE IN THEIR SHOES

☞ We are worried about **RESPONSIBILITY.**

PUT THE MASK ON ME FIRST? TAKE CARE OF MY OWN BUSINESS? I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN LIKE THEM

☞ We recall our **EFFORT** and forget others' **SACRIFICES.**

PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THAT SELF-LESS-NESS IS A NEGATIVE WORD

Let's try living out **OTHERS - FULL - NESS.**

MARK 10:29-30 • THE FAMINE / DID JESUS FAIL THEM • 2 CORINTHIANS 8:13-14

Take it Home

THIS ISN'T ABOUT HELPING THE WORLD... THAT'S NEXT WEEK. THIS IS ABOUT THE CHURCH.

☞ I will be *othersful* in my **PREFERENCES.**

SOME OF YOU LIKE ONE WORSHIP GATHERING...

☞ I will be *othersful* with my **RESOURCES.**

BUDGET / BENEVOLENCE / VOLUNTEERING

☞ I will be *othersful* with my **PRESENCE.**

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